

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006.

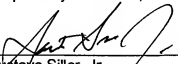
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that at least Claims 1, 4, 6 – 9 and 14 – 23 are allowable. Applicant has amended Claim 24 to incorporate the allowable limitation from Claim 26 as generally suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 24 and 27 – 45 should be rejoined and allowed.

Applicant also notes that Claims 5, 10 - 13 and 24 should be rejoined and allowed. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. As indicated by the Examiner, "claim 1 is generic." (Page 2 of the Office Action dated October 4, 2005). Claims 5 and 10 – 13 depend from generic Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 5 and 10 – 13 should be rejoined and allowed.

Conclusion

If the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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